

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph number 0028 with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] In one embodiment, a communications or data link 48 54 provided between the master gaming controller 42 and another device. The other device may comprise a remote server or computer. The data link 54 permits transmission of data to and/or from the master gaming controller 42. The data link 54 may comprise a wired or wireless communications link, e.g. Ethernet, Token Ring, Firewire®, etc. As stated above, the data link 54 may be useful in transmitting player tracking or similar information regarding play of the gaming device 20 to a remote location.

Please replace paragraph number 0036 with the following amended paragraph:

In a step S3, the decrypting key (which may be referred to as the first or private key) is provided to the gaming machine. In one embodiment, the private key is stored on or embedded in the SAM 62 65. In one or more other embodiments, the private key may be provided as part of software of the gaming machine.